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SUBJECT:NYE-NISHIDA DISCUSSION ON NNPA AND OTHER NUCLEAR
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SUMMARY: JAPANESE EMBASSY MINISTER NISHIDA, IN HIS CALL ON
JOSEPHY NYE FEBRUARY 15, SOUGHT TO LEARN HOW US ENACTMENT
OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT (NNPA) WOULD INFLUENCE
NUCLEAR POLICIES IMPORTANT TO JAPAN. DR. NYE WAS REASSUR-
ING, BUT ADDED THAT TO AVOID SURPRISES DURING THE NEXT
COUPLE OF YEARS, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

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1. MINISTER NISHIDA SAID THAT HIS CALL WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO
DR. NYE'S RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN. NOTING THAT THE HOUSE HAD
AGREED TO THE SENATE VERSION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFER-
ACTION ACT OF 1978 (NNPA), NISHIDA ASKED WHEN IT WOULD BE
PROMULGATED. DR. NYE REPLIED THAT THE NNPA MIGHT BE
SIGNED THE WEEK OF THE 27TH. MINISTER NISHIDA THEN ASKED
WHAT THE US INTENDED REGARDING REVISION OF THE EXISTING BI-

LATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN. DR. NYE OBSERVED THAT JAPAN MET THE "IMMEDIATE EXPORT CRITERIA" OF THE NNPA. HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE FAIRLY EASY FOR JAPAN AND THE US TO AGREE ON THE CONTROLS ON STORAGE AND TRANSFERS OF WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION RE- THE US TO SEEK AS ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN NEW OR AMENDED AGREEMENTS. DISCUSSION OF THESE REVISIONS, DR. NYE THOUGHT, COULD BEGIN THIS SPRING AT THE GOJ'S CONVENIENCE. DAS LOUIS V. NOSENZO OF OES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE ON THE US SIDE. HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY LATER ON. POSSIBLY--IF THERE WERE NO LEGAL PROBLEMS--RE- VISION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

2. ASKED BY MINISTER NISHIDA ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR TALKS WITH EURATOM, DR. NYE SAID THAT THE U.S. MUST SEEK PRO- VISION FOR CONSENT OVER REPROCESSING OF U.S. ORIGIN FUEL IN THE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS TOWARD ARRANGING NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEGUN, AND THAT HE EXPECTED A SOLUTION TO BE FOUND IN TIME.

3. MINISTER NISHIDA TWICE ASKED DR. NYE IF HE THOUGHT NUCLEAR SUBJECTS, SUCH AS NON-PROLIFERATION, WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE ADVANCED NATIONS' SUMMIT MEETING PLANNED FOR BONN THIS SUMMER. ALTHOUGH NOT RULING OUT DISCUSSION OF ENERGY QUESTIONS, DR. NYE THOUGHT A MAJOR NEW NON- CONFIDENTIAL

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PROLIFERATION INITIATIVE UNLIKELY. U.S. POSITIONS WERE NOT YET FIXED, HOWEVER. MINISTER NISHIDA WONDERED ALOUD IF SUCH QUESTIONS WERE NOT BETTER DEALT WITH AT THE COOPER- MIYAZAKI LEVEL.

4. TOLD THAT THE U.S. WAS "GENERALLY QUITE PLEASED" WITH INFCE'S PROGRESS TO DATE, MINISTER NISHIDA ASKED IF DR. NYE THEREFORE THOUGHT THE INFCE STUDIES MIGHT BE CONCLUDED BE- FORE OCTOBER 1979. HE ALSO ASKED DR. NYE HOW HE EXPECTED DATA FROM TOKAI MURA TESTS WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO INFCE WORK, AND HOW US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON TOKAI MIGHT PROCEED. DR. NYE SAID WE EXPECTED SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE INFCE STUDIES TO BE FINISHED EARLY. HE HOPED FOR FREQUENT US-JAPAN MEETINGS, NOT NECESSARILY ON TOKAI-RELATED SUB- JECTS ONLY. WITH HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH UN BUREAU DIRECTOR OKAWA IN TOKYO AS A START, HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AND THUS AVOID ANY SURPRISES AT THE END. MINISTER NISHIDA AGREED EMPHATICALLY.

5. REFERRING TO A NEW YORK TIMES STORY THAT DAY, MINISTER NISHIDA ASKED IF THE NNPA WOULD NOT PUT US EXPORTERS OF

NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE. DR. NYE
REPLIED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEAR CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL
OF EXPORTS MIGHT WELL SPEED UP THE LICENSING PROCEDURE.
HE POINTED ALSO TO A PROVISION IN THE ACT ALLOWING THE
PRESIDENT TO OVERRIDE THE NRC IN CASE OF A DISPUTE, AND
NOTED THAT CONGRESS MAY BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OVERRIDE
THE PRESIDENT SHOULD THIS HAPPEN. VANCE

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